

# CALLAHAN COUNTY.

## Local and Personal Penellings at Baird.

Correspondence of the Gazette.  
Baird, July 21.—Mrs. Hugh Alexander left for Hunt county to-day to see friends and relatives. She will remain several weeks. Mr. Alexander looks as if he had lost his best friend, and says the days seem like weeks while his wife is gone.  
During the pretty moonlight nights the young folks enjoy themselves playing croquet.  
We will take pleasure in welcoming Dr. Gould and his interesting family to our town.  
We are informed by those that attended the dance at the ranch of Mr. Dave Henry near Baird that all enjoyed themselves and that a good attendance were out.  
The pretty Miss Emma Heyn of Big Springs is visiting the family of Mr. Ed. Seny. Miss Emma has many friends here and all delight to welcome her back to her old home. It is hoped that she will remain some time, as she is quite an ornament to Baird society.  
We learn that John W. Jones, sheriff of Callahan county, will soon move to Baird. Mr. Jones is at present a resident of Belle Plaine.  
Mr. Tobie Odem, a prominent stock man of the panhandle, is registered at the Signal hotel.

Many of the pretty young ladies of Callahan county have been in town this week shopping. One dry goods clerk said that he hardly knew there were so many pretty girls in this county.  
**Call for Quarantine.**  
St. Louis Globe Democrat.  
It never rains but it pours. An affair of honor is imminent now at Litchfield, Ill. An editor there has written an article concerning the alleged injudicious cutting of trees in a park, owing to the instrumentality of a certain alderman. The aggrieved party has written the editor a note speaking of the article as one "wherein you infer me to say that I would cut the trees of the park if it killed every damned one of them." This he denominates "an infernal lie," and offers satisfaction in the way such affairs are usually settled among gentlemen. The editor, on his part, proposes to vindicate the right of the press to criticize the public action of the authorities. If the editor would only except a few trees perhaps a compromise might be arrived at. The offense probably consists in the comprehensiveness of the phrase, "Every damned one of them." But if no concession whatever is made, then it may be suggested that the parties wait and see whether the trees die or not. If the trees live the alderman's intentions may be considered pure, and the editor may honorably apologize, while, if the trees die, the alderman will have no reasonable ground to stand on. There is a fine field for arbitration here and it is to be hoped it will be resorted to. It is not right that the Litchfield people should run the risk of losing their trees and the editor and alderman too. The locality is so dangerously near St. Louis that this dueling epidemic should be quarantined against at once.

## No Fine to be Discernible.

St. Louis Republican.  
There is a great deal of machinery about the pretensions show of reform in the national civil service, but the indications are that the big mill set up under the Pendleton bill will grind so exceedingly fine that few practicable results will be discoverable so long as a Republican sits in the White House. It will be found to interfere very little with the cardinal doctrine in the political creed of the Republican party, which demands that the patronage must be kept within the party.

## VANDERBILT'S FRIEND.

How an Erie Man Has Made His Millions.  
(Washington Republican.)  
"Bill Scott," said the gentleman from Northwestern Pennsylvania, "is one of the richest men in the Keystone state. He lives in a splendid mansion in Erie and owns a dozen or more fine farms in the vicinity. He has been associated with Vanderbilt in a business way ever since William H. inherited the old Commodore's millions. I doubt if any living man enjoys Vanderbilt's confidence so fully as Scott, and as a result of this intimacy he has managed to 'heel himself.' They have been in many a scheme together. In one transaction I know of they cleared a couple of millions as easy as falling off a log. The Lake Shore Railway company, of which Vanderbilt is president, held about \$800,000 in the stock of the Chicago Stock Yards Company. Vanderbilt wanted that stock, so as president of the railway company he sold it to his confidential friend Scott for \$1,250,000. A rich Chicago pork packer told me he would have paid \$3,500,000 cash for the stock in open market. Vanderbilt couldn't sell the stock to himself, but he saw he didn't get outside the charmed circle. Vanderbilt, I understand, now holds a controlling interest in the Chicago stock yards, which is worth about \$45,000,000. The \$13,000,000 in stock being held considerably above \$300. Scott is in with the railway king as a matter of course, but to what extent I do not know.  
Scott mixes in politics once in a while, but since he was defeated for congress in 1876, he has taken a dislike to local politics. He was a warm friend of Tilden, and is said to have contributed a large sum of the Tilden campaign fund. He would not hesitate to give \$100,000 to elect to the Presidency a man he liked, and there is no doubt he was badly stuck on Tilden. I do not know who he is for now.  
He is taking a very lively interest in stock now-a-days, and on his farm he has at least a hundred head of blooded mares. He imported a stallion from France last year that cost him \$18,000 on the other side. He is 55 or 60 years old, and although very liberal in his donations to home charities and local enterprises, he is not liked by the people as well as he would like or as he deserves.  
A man wearing three or four overcoats when the thermometer is at 90 degrees, is naturally an object of suspicion, and when the New York custom house officers gratified their curiosity the other day they found \$600 worth of jewelry hidden away in his pockets.

The New York sanitary doctors are inspecting and disinfecting the tenement house districts of that city. When an old woman saw one of them pouring some of the disinfecting fluid out of his tank into a hole of filth she exclaimed: "That's better nor putting it down our throats. Poor people have got a show when the bosses take to dumpin' the med'cin' out doors."

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